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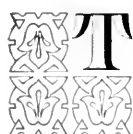


The Eastern Star Home.

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The idea of establishing an Eastern Star Home had its inception with Mrs. Ellen E. Palmetter, then a member of Maple City Chapter, No. 71, of Ogdensburg, and now a member of Syracuse chapter, No. 70. Her motive was one of the noblest that can actuate the human heart—a desire to aid and care for the less fortunate members of the order, and now, having seen her dream realized, she has been appointed matron of the Home.

The advantages and need of such a Home were made apparent to her in the case of a Master Mason's mother who was in need and being a mother instead of his wife or daughter she was ineligible for admission to the Masonic Home. Mrs. Palmetter thought that the Eastern Star should have a Home of its own, and with that end in view she worked faithfully and efficiently to further the idea.

At the session of the Grand Chapter in June, 1891, W. H. Alberty, then worthy patron of the chapter to which Mrs. Palmetter belonged, made a stirring appeal and placed upon the altar in behalf of his home chapter a \$5 gold piece as a nucleus for a fund for the Home. Before the

close of the session \$200 had been added to that \$5 gold piece, and since then for the past 17 years the fund has gradually grown until now, a sum is in the treasury which, with the per capita tax, is sufficient to pay for, equip and maintain a home that will accommodate a large number of members.

That \$5 gold piece is now to be seen suspended on a suitably inscribed tablet encased in glass in the hall of the home where it is to hang, there to perpetuate the generosity, thoughtfulness and philanthropy of those who made the home possible, probably long after they have all passed from the scenes of earthly activities.

The matter of a site for the Home was under consideration by various committees for several years without any progress being made. When the committee of 1907 made their report at the Grand Chapter held in New York, they asked to be discharged, being unable to arrive at a decision on any particular place. The matter was then placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Hall and Home, with instructions to purchase a home before January 1, 1908. The trustees entered very diligently into the discharge of their duties and examined with great care a large number of sites in different parts of the State.

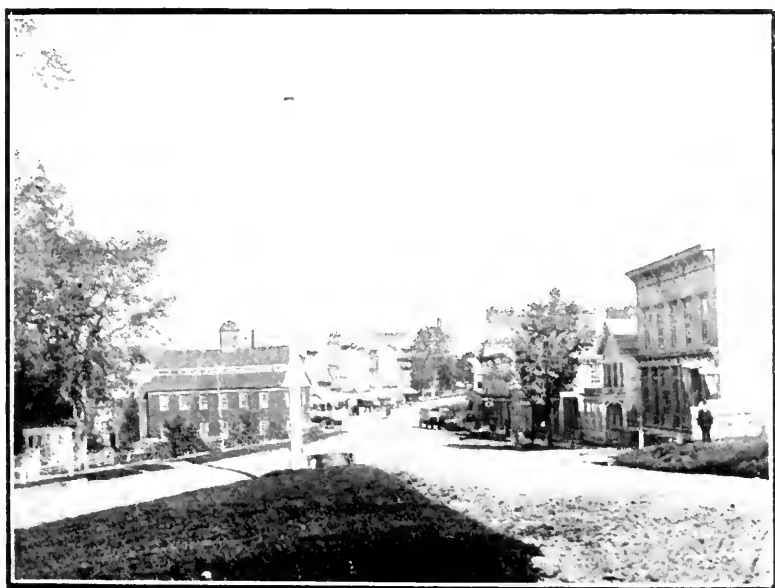
Among the last places in the State to come forward with a proposition for the Home was Waterville. Through interested citizens the William Osborne homestead was brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees and from the start they were very favorably inclined to the purchase. There were many desirable features to recommend it—the location, fine buildings, spacious, well-cared for grounds, and one of the strongest points was its nearness to the different churches, chapter rooms and other places where the occupants of the Home would care to go.

The officers and members of Crystal Chapter, O. E. S., and of Sanger Lodge, F. & A. M., of Waterville, with some of the citizens worked hard to bring about a consummation of the project and after several delegations had visited Waterville and the matter carefully gone over the property was bought. Then followed extensive alternations and improvements and the Home stands completed, a pride to the order and a pride to Waterville.

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Masonic Temple. Dedicated to the use of Sanger Lodge, No. 129, F. & A. M., Warren Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., and Crystal Chapter, No. 188, E. O. S.



Main Street looking east

SOUVENIR OF WATERVILLE



Lackawanna R. R. station



Stafford Avenue

WATERVILLE

Some of Its Many Interesting Features—A Village Its Residents Are Proud Of.



WATERVILLE, a village of many beautiful homes, is situated in southern Oneida County, on the Lackawanna R. R., 22 miles south of Utica and 280 miles from New York. It has about 1,600 inhabitants and is located in the midst of one of the best farming districts in the state. The unbroken, picturesque roll of hills for miles surrounding are a protection against wind and storms, and their slopes and valleys are laid out in fertile, well tilled farms. Hop growing, which has given this region a world wide reputation as a hop center, continues to be the principal industry of large land owners and dairying is next in importance. These farming interests contribute largely to the industrial welfare of the village, which with its various shops, mills and business enterprises make Waterville a prosperous and busy place at all seasons of the year.

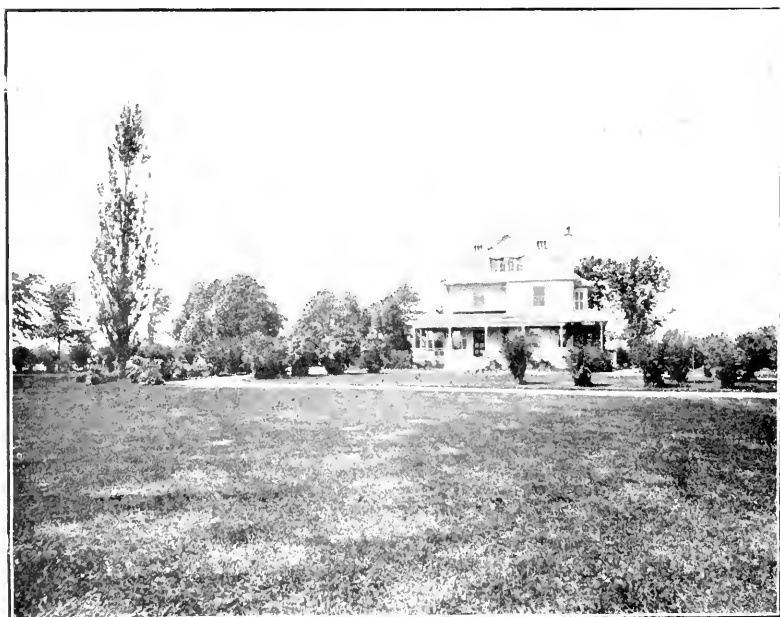
The village itself is frequently spoken of as one of the prettiest, most attractive and best kept villages in the State, with its handsome residences, cozy homes, wide shady streets, large well-kept lawns and terraces, clean, hard roads, and beautiful surrounding scenery.

It is a charming village to live in and one of the many pleasant features of residential life in Waterville is to be found in the unfailing, uniform courtesy of its people, which is noticeable to all, but especially so to strangers who are here for a short time. As a class they are friendly, hospitable and true, are well informed on all subjects, they travel, meet and mingle with the world considerably and are not circumscribed by those narrow prejudices which village life so often engenders. Several of Waterville's men have also risen to prominence in widely varied fields of endeavor, and have filled with honor and distinction positions in the assembly, the senate, in national politics and in foreign diplomatic service, as well as in the army and navy.

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The working people, that class upon which the prosperity of any village so largely depends, are steady, industrious and progressive and many of them own their own homes. They live well, enjoy all the comforts of life and many of the luxuries, and in most cases are the possessors of a bank account, and are slowly but surely accumulating a stipend against the time when advancing years will make it necessary for them to lay aside the labors of their younger and more vigorous days.

The altitude of Waterville is over 1,200 feet which gives it a clear, bracing and invigorating air. It is an especially healthful climate, with no fogs or other damp, disagreeable conditions and a case of malaria has



Grace Episcopal Church



Baptist Church

never been known here. Its water is of unsurpassed purity. It is supplied by four reservoirs located about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the village, the fourth one of which is now under construction and when completed will provide a 25,000,000 gallon water supply. A very simple test which the water has been put to for several years is using it in boilers and tea kettles, where it never leaves any sediment or scales, showing that it is absolutely free from lime and all organic matter.

The system with its high pressure also provides fire protection and the village has suffered but very little from fire since the reservoirs were built. The original cost of the system was about \$63,000 and when the improvements now under way are completed it will represent an expenditure of almost \$100,000. It is owned and controlled by the village.

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Church life is strongly developed, and six places of worship, all in good financial condition and with a large number of communicants are located here. They are the Episcopal, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Welsh Congregational and Presbyterian. These churches with their different societies and many workers are and always have been a potent factor in developing and maintaining a high moral standard.

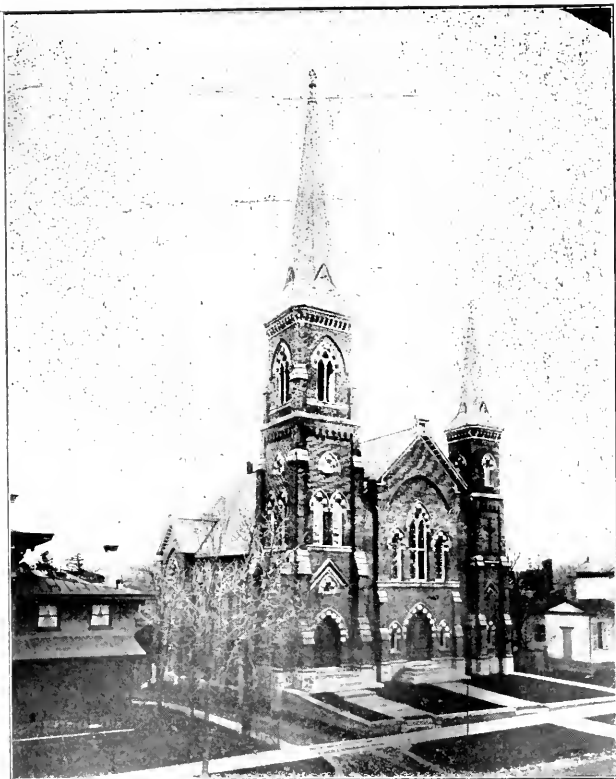
For several years Waterville has supported a branch of the Y. M. C. A. and its influence among the young men has always been one to lead them to higher and better things.

The public schools consist of two large brick buildings with a capacity of several hundred students. The faculty consists of 13 members, all efficient, conscientious teachers who are deeply interested in their work and striving at all times to further the interests and knowledge of those over whom they are placed.

A new library building, the gift of two generous citizens to the Board of Library Trustees, has recently been opened to the public. It is



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Presbyterian Church



Brunswick Hotel

located on Main street and in a building that Waterville may well be proud to own. It is under the most competent management and citizens are at all times able to secure the best literature. In connection with the library is a public reading room supplied with all the magazines and current periodicals. It is open daily except Sundays from 2 to 5.30 p. m., and evenings from 7 to 9 p. m., and is free to all.

Two banks transact the financial business of the village, the Waterville National Bank and Chas. Green, Son, Brainard & Co.

Several different clubs and organizations add largely to the social life and intellectual advancement. Among them are the Travellers' Club, Home Study Circle, and Every Saturday Night Club. The Pickwick club is a strong organization composed of the leading business men and citizens, and has a fine club room on Main street. Among the fraternal organizations are the Odd Fellows, Maccabees, Order of Hibernians, Arcanum Council, and the Grange. Sanger Lodge, No. 129, F. and A. M., owns a handsome temple on Sanger street, facing Brunswick Park. Crystal Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, also uses the temple

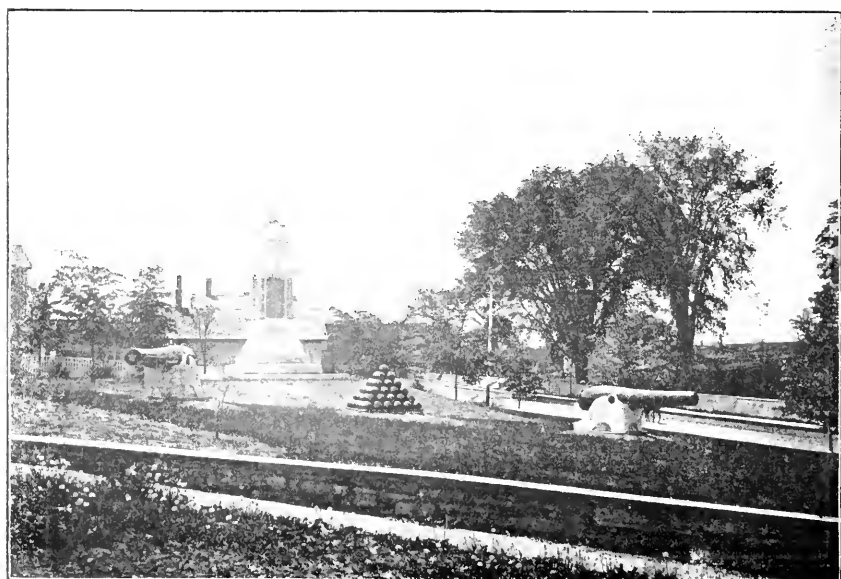


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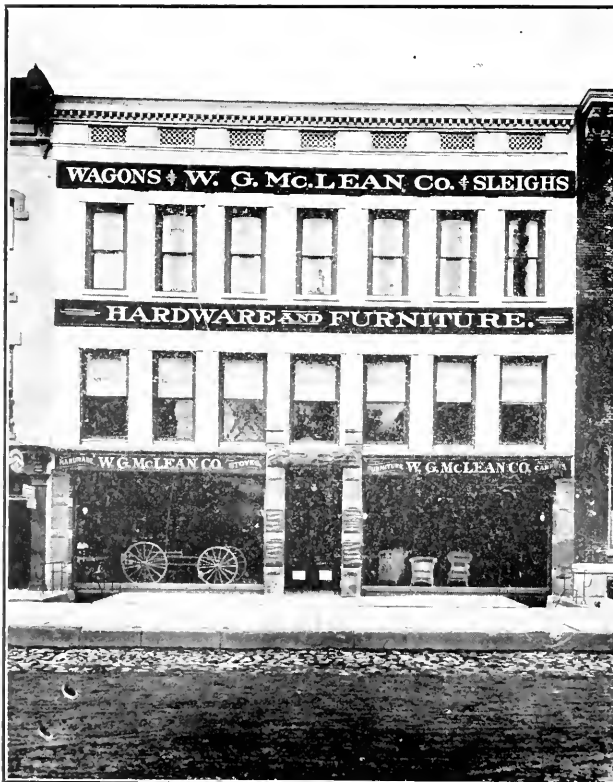
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for their meetings. The Waterville Sportsman's Club which was recently reorganized has about 65 members and has done considerable this year and in the past for the propagation and preservation of fish and game.

The volunteer fire department is one of the important village organizations, is well trained and is equipped with the best apparatus. Three first-class hotels cater to the wants of the public. They are the Brunswick, the Central and the American hotels. The former was reopened June 15th and entertains many summer visitors.

About three years ago the Oneida Hosiery Company started a branch hosiery knitting mill here. It is now doing a fine business, employing a large number of hands all the time, and is one of the leading enterprises of the village. The Borden Company has established a thriving bottling works, has erected a fine group of buildings on their land on South street and gives employment to about 30 men. It also provide a market for a great quantity of milk from the dairies and in every way adds largely to the prosperity of this place and vicinity. The Kirkland Canning Company gives employment to as many as 300 hands



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The village is illuminated by both gas and electricity and a steam heating system, owned by the Waterville Gas and Electric Co., furnishes heat for many of the business places and some of the residences.

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A large number of stores and business places cater to the wants of the people and everything is conducted in an up to date and business-like manner.

A descriptive article on Waterville would hardly be complete without mentioning some of the surrounding points of interest. Three miles east of Waterville is Tassel Hill, one of the highest points in Oneida County and outside of the Catskills and Adirondacks, one of the highest in the State. From its summit on a clear day, with a glass, may be seen Rome,



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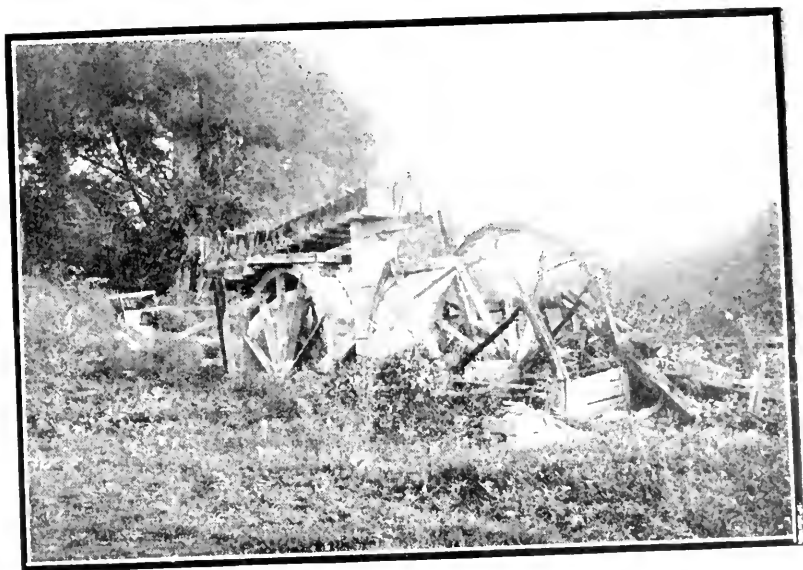
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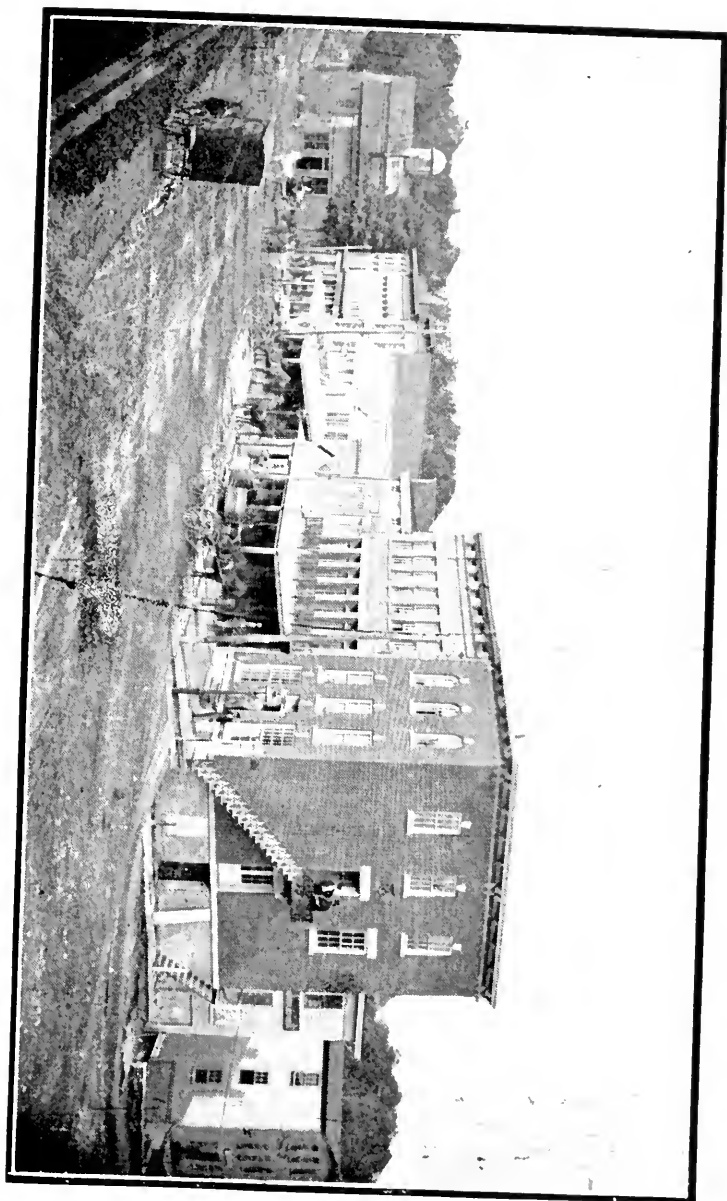
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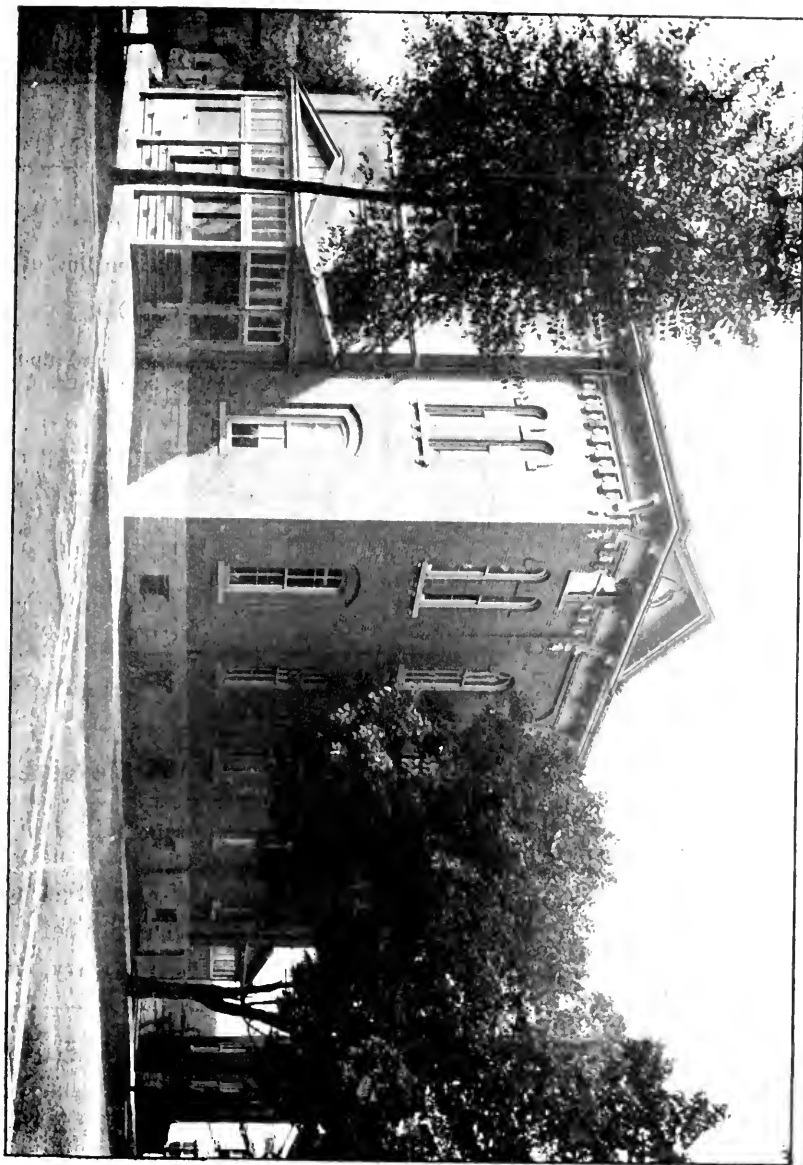
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